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REMARKS

As requested by Examiner Brewster, the improper dependency of claim 4 which was previously dependent on cancelled claim 3 has been amended to properly depend from claim 1. Entry of the above amendment is believed to be appropriate under 37 C.F.R. §1.312. As set forth in MPEP §714.16, "Entry of an amendment after allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 may be recommended by the primary examiner where such amendments are shown (A) to be needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention, and (B) to require no substantial amount of additional work a the part of the Office."

In view of the above, entry of the same prior to issuance is respectfully requested.

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